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Re: Patent Application of Brad A. Armstrong  
Applicant's reference F28

Filed: 06/26/01

Serial No.: **09/893,292**

Title: IMAGE CONTROLLER

Examiner: D. Chow, Group Art Unit: 2629

## REMARKS

Sir:

Responsive to the 06/07/2006 Office Action (OA), please amend the claims as below presented. Examination and allowance of the pending claims in view of all relevant prior art is requested. Thank you.

**It is noted with appreciation and agreement in the 06/07/2006 OA that claims 193, 194 and 221 have been allowed.**

Attached is an Extension of Time request and the \$1020 fee payment therefore.

Attached is a new Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and the \$180 fee payment therefore. Would the Examiner please review the additional information in the IDS relative to the pending claims below including those claims already allowed, so that, if a patent issues from this application then all issued claims will have been correctly found allowable over all prior art. Thank you.

The Examiner should note that Applicant herein below amends the priority claim

in the section entitled: Amendments to the Specification. The amended priority claim removes two previous applications from the priority chain. The two removed applications are: application number 08/393,459 issued as Patent 5,565,891, and application number 07/847,619 issued as Patent 5,589,828. Therefore the earliest patent filing date of the current continuation is July 5, 1996.

#### Summary of Informal Telephone Inquiry Regarding Amendment Processes

On June 28, 2006 Applicant called PTO Examiner Chow regarding the current Patent Application.

Applicant had shortly before emailed to the Examiner allowed claim 221 and sample possible claims 231 - 234 in an Informal, Not Official email communication. The claims were emailed as an aid to the discussion during the informal telephone inquiry.

Claim 221 is an apparatus claim stated as "**allowed**" by the Examiner in his Office Action of June 07, 2006. Applicant emailed claim 221 as a refresher and reference for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claims 231 - 234 were sent as samples of possible new claims. Sample possible new claim 231 was an apparatus type claim, and sample claim 232 was dependent on 231. Sample possible claim 233 was a method or process type claim and sample possible claim 234 was a computer readable media type claim.

In discussing sample apparatus claim 231, the Examiner stated that with his knowledge of the prior art probably sample claim 231 would be allowable if so submitted. The Examiner was clear to make no commitment that such a claim would for sure be allowable, rather the Examiner takes allowance of any claim seriously and would have to apply a great deal of thought to any newly submitted claim in view of all prior art.

In discussing sample method or process claim 233, the Examiner stated that if this claim were submitted he probably would do a new prior art search which he was willing to do, and, if after the new prior art search no more relevant prior art was found then a claim along the lines of sample claim 233 would probably also be allowable. The

Examiner was again clear to make no commitment that such a claim would for sure be allowable, rather the Examiner takes allowance of any claim seriously and would have to apply a great deal of thought to any newly submitted claim in view of all prior art.

In discussing sample claim 234, the Examiner asked Applicant what support was in the specification for the computer readable media language. Applicant stated that while the words "computer readable media" were not explicitly in the specification, equivalent technology was in the specification, or at least implicit or inherent within the specification. The Examiner stated that if Applicant were to submit a claim along the lines of sample claim 234, then Applicant would have to make written arguments detailing the support within the specification.

In conclusion of the informal telephone inquiry as to the amendment process, Applicant thanked the Examiner for his valuable time and expertise.

End of Summary of Informal Telephone Inquiry

Applicant below herein submits new claims 231 - 233. No new claim fees should be due because previously fees have been submitted for a greater number of independent claims than will be now pending.

Applicant has not submitted at this time a new claim using the words "computer readable media" in the interest of limiting the complexity of the current application so that the instant application may expeditiously receive a notice of allowance.

Would the Examiner please review all the pending claims of the instant application in view all prior art. Thank You.

Respectfully,



Brad A. Armstrong, Inventor

Date: 12 - 6 - 2006